
Paper-I

Answers must be written in Manipuri.

Section-A

Language:

- a) General characteristics of Manipuri Language and history of its development; its importance and status among the Tibeto-Burman Languages of North-East India; recent development in the study of Manipuri language; evolution and study of old Manipuri script.
- b) Significant features of Manipuri language:
- i) Phonology-Phoneme-vowels, consonants juncture, tone, consonant cluster and its occurrence, syllable-its structure, pattern and types.
- ii) Morphology: Word-class, root and its types; affix and its types; grammatical categories-gender, number, person, case, tense and aspects, process of compounding (samas and sandhi).
- iii) Syntax: Word order: types of sentences, pharse and clause structures.

Section-B

a) Literary History of Manipuri:

Early period (upto 17th century)-Social and cultural background; Themes, diction and style of the works.

Medieval period (18th and 19th century)- Social, religious and political background; Themes, diction and style of the works.

Modern period-Growth of major literary forms; change of Themes, diction and style.

b) Manipuri Folk Literature:

Legend, Folktale, Folksong, Ballad, Proverb and Riddle.

c) Aspects of Manipuri Culture:

Pre-Hindu Manipuri Faith; Advent of Hinduism and the process of syncreticism.

Performing arts-Lai Haraoba, Maha Ras; Indegenous games-Sagol Kangjei, Khong Kangjei, Kang.

PAPER II

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This paper will require first hand reading of the texts prescribed and will be designed to test the candidate's critical ability to assess them.

Section-A

Old and Medieval Manipuri Literature

- a) Old Manipuri Literature
- 1. O. Bhogeswar Singh (Ed.): Numit Kappa
- 2. M. Gourachandra Singh (Ed.): Thawanthaba Hiran
- 3. N. Khelchandra Singh (Ed.): Naothingkhong Phambal Kaba
- 4. M. Chandra Singh (Ed.): Panthoibi Khonggul
 - b) Medieval Manipuri Literature:
- 1. M. Chandra Singh (Ed.): Samsok Ngamba
- 2. R.K.Snahal Singh (Ed.): Ramayana Adi Kanda
- 3. N. Khelchandra Slngh (Ed.): Dhananjoy Laibu Ningba
- 4. O. Bhogeswar Singh (Ed.): Chandrakirti Jila Chatpa

Section-B

Modern Manipuri Literature:

- a) Poetry and Epic:
- (I) Poetry:
- a) Manipuri Sheireng (Pub) Manipuri Sahitya Parishad, 1988 (ed.)
 - Kh. Chaoba Singh: Pi Thadoi, Lamgi Chekla Amada, Loktak Mapanda
 - Dr. L. Kamal Singh: Nirjanata, Nirab Rajani
 - A. Minaketan Singh: Kamalda, Nonggumlakkhoda
 - L. Samarendra Singh: Ingagi Nong, Mamang Leikai Thambal Satle

E. Nilakanta Singh: Manipur, Lamangnaba

Shri Biren : Tangkhul Hui

Th. Ibopishak: Anouba Thunglaba Jiba

b) Kanchi Sheireng. (Pub) Manipur University 1998 (ed.)

Dr. L. Kamal Singh: Biswa-Prem

Shri Biren : Chaphadraba Laigi Yen

Th. Ibopishak: Norok Patal Prithivi

(II) Epic:

1. A. Dorendrajit Singh: Kangsa Bodha

2. H. Anganghal Singh: Khamba-Thoibi Sheireng (San-Senba, Lei-Langba, Shamu Khonggi Bichar)

(III) Drama:

1. S. Lalit Singh: Areppa Marup

2. G.C. Tongbra: Matric Pass

3. A. Samarendra: Judge Sahebki Imung

b) Novel, Short-story and Prose:

(I) Novel:

1. Dr. L. Kamal Singh : Madhabi

2. H. Anganghal Singh : Jahera

3. H. Guno Singh : Laman

4. Pacha Meetei : Imphal Amasung, Magi Ishing, Nungsitki

Phibam

(II) Short-story:

a) Kanchi Warimacha (Pub) Manipur University 1997 (ed.)

R.K. Shitaljit Singh: Kamala Kamala

M.K. Binodini : Eigi Thahoudraba Heitup Lalu

Kh. Prakash: Wanom Shareng

- b) Parishadki Khangatlaba Warimacha (Pub) Manipuri Sahitya Parishad 1994 (ed.)
 - S. Nilbir Shastri : Loukhatpa

R.K. Elangba: Karinunggi

- c) Anouba Manipuri Warimacha (Pub) The Cultural Forum Manipur 1992 (ed.)
 - N. Kunjamohon Singh: Ijat Tanba

E. Dinamani: Nongthak Khongnang

- (III) Prose:
- a) Warenggi Saklon [Due Part (Pub) The Cultural Forum Manipur 1992 (ed.)

Kh. Chaoba Singh: Khamba-Thoibigi Wari Amasung Mahakavya

- b) Kanchi Wareng (Pub) Manipur University 1998 (ed.)
 - B. Manisana Shastri: Phajaba

Ch. Manihar Singh: Lai-Haraoba

- c) Apunba Wareng. (Pub) Manipur University, 1986 (ed.)
 - Ch. Pishak Singh: Samaj Amasung, Sanskriti

M.K. Binodini : Thoibidu Warouhouida

Eric Newton: Kalagi Mahousa (translated by I.R. Babu)

- d) Manipuri Wareng (Pub) The Cultural Forum Manipur 1999 (ed.)
- S. Krishnamohan Singh: Lan